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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital.....\$10,000,000.
Reserve Fund.....\$3,000,000.
Reserve Liabilities of \$10,000,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.—

H. HOPKINS, Esq.—Chairman.
C. J. HOLLOWAY, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.
Hon. James J. Bell, J. S. Meekapak, Esq.
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CHIEF MANAGER:

Hongkong.—F. DE BOVIS, Esq.

MANAGER:

Shanghai.—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CO. LTD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance up to \$200,000.

On Fixed Deposits.—

For 6 months 3% per cent., up to \$200,000.

" 12 " 4% " on sums

" 12 " 4% " in excess of \$200,000.

F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 3, 1893. 1435

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

The business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4% PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1893. 1513

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

LATE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,125,000.

Bankers:

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at the Rate of 2 1/2% per Annum on the Daily Balance

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.—

For 12 Months.....5%

For 6 Months.....4%

For 3 Months.....3%

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 4, 1893. 228

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Directors:

D. GILLIES, Esq. | CROW TUNG SHANG, CHAN KEE SHAN, Esq. | Esq.

C. J. HIRST, Esq. | W. WOTTON, Esq. | KWAN HOI CHURN, Esq.

Chief Manager.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:

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Bankers:

THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF SCOTLAND, PARIS'S BANKING CO. AND THE ALLIANCE BANK (LTD.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%

do 6 do 4%

do 3 do 3%

Current Accounts 2%

Hongkong, January 7, 1893. 47

FOR Sale.

FOR SALE.

THE GOOD S.S. PEKIN and S.S. KWONG-MO.

For Particulars, apply to

SUI KEE CHAN.

33, Bonham Strand West.

Hongkong, November 14, 1892. 1930

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Sixth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 4, Praya Central, at 12 o'clock (Noon), TO-MORROW, 9th February instant, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 31 December, 1892.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 2nd to 9th February, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 8, 1893. 162

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

BOKHARA MEMORIAL FUND.

A MEETING of the SUBSCRIBERS to the above Fund will be held in the CRICKET PAVILION, on THURSDAY, 9th February, at 6 o'clock in the Afternoon, to decide what form the proposed Memorial shall take.

EDWARD A. RAM,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 8, 1893. 207

DILIGENTIA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A Regular MEETING of the above Lodge will be held on THURSDAY, the 9th Inst., at 6.30 p.m. precisely.

Hongkong, February 8, 1893. 216

NOTICE.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

THE OFFICES of the above Bank have been TRANSFERRED to No. 4, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

CHANTREY INGBOLD,
Manager.

Hongkong, February 6, 1893. 250

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000.

CAPITAL CALLED UP.....\$21,003.15.0.

RESERVE FUND.....\$23,629.13.7.

Board of Directors.

WM. KENNEDY, Esq.—Chairman.

Adolf von André, Esq. | F. DE BOVIS, Esq.

Egbert Iveson, Esq. | H. D. Stewart, Esq.

David McLean, Esq.

Hongkong, October 21, 1892.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Telegraphic Address,
"Krentin"—A. B. C. Code.

THE MOST COMMODIOUS and BEST-APPOINTED HOTEL in the Far East; situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, and adjacent to Peider's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony). The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.

The TABLE d'HÔTE, or separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy.

The BED-ROOMS, with adjoining BATH rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open to spacious verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communication.

The READING, WRITING, and SMOKING ROOMS, LADY'S DRAWING ROOMS, the NEW BAR and PUBLIC BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

A GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour, adjoins the HOTEL.

WINES and SPIRITS of the BEST BRANDS ONLY.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrances to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WAXHORSES are continually on duty.

R. THOMAS, Manager.

Hongkong, October 21, 1892. 1842

ROBERT LANG & Co.

NEW GOODS.

A LARGE SELECTION of WHITE and STRIPE FLANNELS AND SERGES.

TROPICAL TWEEDS, HOMESPUNS and COATINGS.

TERAI HATS (all Colors) and SUN HATS.

BOOTS and SHOES.

WATERPROOF COATS and UMBRELLAS.

&c. &c. &c.

Hongkong, February 7, 1893. 247

NOTICE.

IN CONFORMITY with the provisions of Regulation IV. of the General Regulations for the CHINESE PILOTAGE SERVICE, a Board of Commissioners will hold COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION at the HARBOUR Master's Office, SWAN, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., on THURSDAY the 9th February, to fill Vacancies among the Seafarers Pilot.

RATES OF INTEREST, allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained on application.

CHANTREY INGBOLD,
Manager.

Hongkong, February 7, 1893. 247

FOUNDED.

At the Old Plantation, near the Race-course, a GOLD BROOCH with SAPPHIRE.—Apply to F. DE BOVIS, Esq.

Hongkong, February 8, 1893. 244

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTER of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th February current (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 3, 1893. 211

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Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL.
HONGKONG.

TO-NIGHT and SATURDAY,
8th and 11th February.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF
H.E. SIR WILLIAM & LADY ROBINSON.

F. E. E. A. R. S.
BLACK DIAMOND MINSTRELS.

30 PERFORMERS.

By kind Permission of Lieut.-Colonel
RAVENHILL and the Officers of the
SHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY a Contingent of the
BAND will be in attendance.

POPULAR PRICES:—\$2 and \$1.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price
to Second Seats.

Doors open at 8.30 p.m. Overture at 9

p.m., promptly.

Plan and Tickets at Messrs. KELLY &

WATSON, LIMITED.

A PROCESSION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE
GIVEN TO A LOCAL CHARITY.

Hongkong, February 8, 1893. 241

Intimations.

"KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES,"

ONE more attempt is being made to provide some intellectual recreation for Hongkong by means of a Literary, Scientific and Debating Society, and those who feel an interest in the movement are invited to attend a meeting to be held in Doctor Cantlie's rooms, Bank Buildings, at five o'clock on Friday afternoon. It will be hoped that the opportunity will be taken full advantage of by the vast number of people in this colony who possess literary or scientific yearnings or who aspire to such mastery of the art of public speaking as would enable them to get up at a company meeting and denounce the directors in correct and graceful English, or rival Lord Rosebery in post-prandial oratory.

Last night, Miss A. H. A. Gordon, wife of Major-General Gordon, Captain Superintendent of Police, who leaves for Europe by the P. & O. steamer *Athena*, was presented with a magnificent silver tea-set and silver-saucer as a mark of the esteem in which she was held by the members of the Hongkong Police Force. Since she came to the Colony in 1884, Mrs Gordon has done a considerable amount of quiet work amongst the poor, and as a member of the Committee of the Ladies' Benevolent Society the President, Mrs Fielding Clarke, has found in her an able, earnest and sympathetic worker in every good and charitable work. During Major-General Gordon's brief connection with the police, she has endeared herself to the wives and families of the married men, taking the deepest and kindest interest in their welfare, and entering into their joys or sorrows with all the charm of womanly sympathy. While there are others in the Colony who will miss her, and who extend to her their best wishes for a safe journey to Europe and for the speedy recovery of her husband, the women and children connected with the Police Force will long remember her for her kind deeds, and will be delighted to welcome her back to Hongkong.

INSPECTOR QUINCEY has returned from his visit to the mainland in quest of Alves, without the object of his search. The police, who have evidently received instructions from the higher officials, refuse point blank to supply the press with any information; they refuse to say whether Alves has been brought to Kowloon City or if he is in the custody of the Chinese officials in the interior. If he is captured at all, it seems absurd that the public should be deprived of this information when the offender is a public official charged with the misappropriation of public funds; if he has not been captured it does not appear very clear how the ends of justice would be defeated by saying so. Of course, the real state of affairs may be ascertained in a few days, but in the meantime garbled stories will get into circulation which in the long run may do infinitely more harm than good to the efforts the police are putting forth. It is presumed, as our previous statements of the whereabouts of the absconding official were based on information received from authoritative sources, that Alves is still in a small village not far from Kowloon City, and that he is being looked after by the Chinese authorities, with whom negotiations are still being kept up.

THE Peking correspondent of the *N.Y. Daily News* writes: "The last evening of the old year, 1892, will long be remembered in Peking. The entertainments and the socialities were worthy of the best traditions of the Legation. Although the new Minister Mr. O'Connor had hardly settled down, and became acquainted with our residents, they set about preparing and arranging for enjoyment. The 31st of December was looked forward to with eager expectation. Mr. O'Connor had selected and arranged for a representation of *Cinderella* in pantomime. The shoes of those who were to represent the piece, the working out of the details, and the accompanying scenery, all so tastefully thought out, made the representation as agreeable as possible. Everyone was charmed. The various scenes were ingeniously painted by Baron von Sternberg, who laboured hard to make the piece worthy of his brush and management, and whose talent was only equalled by his modesty. The part of *Cinderella* was most ably played by Mrs. Oliver, the two step-sisters were well represented by Madame Pansa and Mrs. Beauford; the duties of Witch by Madame Wende, the charming little Fairy by Miss Elsie Drew, the part of Prince was ably borne by Mr. Chevannes, Baron von der Goltz performed the various duties of Usher with credit to himself and satisfaction to the audience, and others filled subordinating places. A *Rough Diamond*, a comedy written by the gentleman of the Legation, on the same lines, was as much a success in its way as *Cinderella*. Great praise is due to the gentlemen who placed their pieces on the stage of the Theatre Royal and directed their parts in a style which received universal commendation. Mr. Beauford as Sir William Evergreen, Mr. Keay as Mervyn (Lady Evergreen), Mr. Grant Duff as Lord Plato, Mr. As Mr. Willis, were certainly conspicuous successes. The minor parts were also well sustained. After the conclusion of this piece, the company retired to the Minister's quarters, where dancing was indulged in, and where hearty congratulations were given and received by the officers. The evening, after which supper was announced, which was the occasion of another great and great consideration of the whole subject. It looked back only to the local Ordinance of 1862 and practically repeated the terms of it with slight variations in preparing the Ordinance of 1882 which is the present, on the subject. Since that time it was clear that the whole subject required revision. It was clear that greater powers and a more detailed Act were necessary to give proper efficiency to the Volunteers, and it was for the purpose of making the law such as it should be that the present ordinance was brought before the Council. On looking at the Ordinance it would be noted that it did not in itself create any volunteer corps; it only enabled the Governor to enrol and create such a volunteer corps and to regulate the organization and disciplining of the corps after it

was created. The first five parts of the ordinance dealt with the ordinary Land volunteer corps. The sixth part, which might have been the subject of a separate ordinance, dealt with a coast defence corps and assumed that those joining that corps might have to go upon the water, it is that respect differing from the land corps whose duties would of course be confined to the land. Coming to the general provisions of the ordinance the first part deals with the organization of the Volunteer Corps, and the second part with actual military service, the third part with discipline, the fourth with rules regarding the property of the corps, and the fifth with miscellaneous provisions. Going a little more fully into the details it would be observed that the ordinance did not say exactly what the force would be. This would be a matter of subsequent or independent rules and regulations. The fifth section provided that commissions should be issued by the Governor, and the sixth provided as to how volunteers might quit the corps. It would be observed that the 3rd subsection of section 6 appeared to be somewhat inconsistent with the preceding two subsections. It had been the subject of some consideration. It was contemplated that volunteers might leave on 14 days notice, and it was also thought that the Government would be entitled to require the person to remain and continue serving the corps until it would be better if the corps were to be composed of men who agreed to serve for some particular time—a couple of years was suggested—but there was not sufficient evidence to obtain a conviction: in the second case the assailant made good his escape, before his arrest could be effected.

5. Of the Highway Robbers the most flagrant case was that which occurred on the 11th July, when two men employed by the Dairy Farm Co. were waylaid and robbed by five men unknown on the Puklun Road. The Police had no means of tracing these men, and no arrests were made.

6. The facilities for leaving the Colony and the proximity of the mainland of China, added to the reluctance of respectable people to lay information against criminals or to come forward as witnesses against them, render it very difficult for the Police to bring the guilty parties to justice. In many instances the offender has made good his escape before the Police have received information of the offence, and on many occasions a case has broken down through the reluctance of witnesses to come forward and give evidence.

7. Only three cases of Piracy have been reported during the year, all of which took place in Chinese waters. Several arrests were subsequently made by the Portuguese and Chinese Authorities in connection with these pirates.

8. All the Police Stations are in good repair. The new station at Kennedy Town was occupied by the Police on the 31st December.

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C. M. G., Colonial Secretary, &c., &c.

Comptroller of Officers serving under the
Order of the Police, during the Years
1891, and 1892.

THE POLICE REPORT FOR 1892.—

The following report of the Captain Superintendent of Police for 1892 was laid before the Legislative Council by command of His Excellency the Governor, at the meeting this afternoon:

POLICE DEPARTMENT.
Captain Superintendent's Office,
Hongkong, 19th January 1893.

SIR.—I have the honour to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the Police Report for the year 1892.

1. The total number of cases brought to the notice of the Police during the year was 9,730, against 10,860 in 1891, being a decrease of 1,130 cases, or a decrease of 10.47 per cent.

Subdivided into serious and minor offenses (so-called) there were in 1892 2,983 cases of the former class against 2,994 in 1891, showing a decrease of 11 cases or 0.36 per cent, and in the latter class 6,747 cases against 7,875, in 1891, giving a decrease of 1,128 per cent.

2. During the year there were 3 cases of murder, the victim being a boatman named Cheung Chi, an Indian watchman named Ramasamy, and a man named Chang Ho. In connection with several cases of violence and assault committed by sailors, the first two cases of murder were unable to effect any arrests.

3. There were two serious cases of manslaughter during the year. In connection with the first two cases were arrested, but there was not sufficient evidence to obtain a conviction: in the second case the assailant made good his escape, before his arrest could be effected.

4. The facilities for leaving the Colony and the proximity of the mainland of China, added to the reluctance of respectable people to lay information against criminals or to come forward as witnesses against them, render it very difficult for the Police to bring the guilty parties to justice. In many instances the offender has made good his escape before the Police have received information of the offence, and on many occasions a case has broken down through the reluctance of witnesses to come forward and give evidence.

5. Only three cases of Piracy have been reported during the year, all of which took place in Chinese waters. Several arrests were subsequently made by the Portuguese and Chinese Authorities in connection with these pirates.

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SERVANTS.

Description. Number of Persons Committed.

1891. 1892. 1891. 1892.

Burglary with Violence from the Person. 1 8

Burglary or Larceny from the Person. 16 49 10 38

Assault with Intent to Rob. 62 83 6 21

Ridicapping. 71 58 62 51

Unlawful Possession, Larceny. 500 411 478 375

Robberies not already given. 34 44 33 39

Total. 2,984 2,994 1,687 1,728

HOUSES.

Description. Number of Persons Committed.

1891. 1892. 1891. 1892.

Assault. 1,335 1,111 1,714 1,192

Gambling. 623 635 1,022 1,720

Miscellaneous. 6,056 4,461 5,954 5,045

Nuisance. 10 20 20 20

No Pass or Light. 38 60

Total. 7,875 6,547 9,200 8,215

* No analysis of convictions and discharges.

VICTORIA GAOL.

The following Report of the Superintendent of Victoria Gaol for 1892 was laid before the Legislative Council by command of His Excellency the Governor, at the meeting this afternoon:

Superintendent's Office, Victoria Gaol, Hongkong, 18th January, 1893.

SIR.—I have the honour to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the Annual Report on the Victoria Gaol for 1892.

2. During the year there were 5,621 admissions, the average number of prisoners confined in the Gaol being 515, which is a slight increase on the previous year. The daily maximum number was 655.

3. There have been 7,404 prison offences committed during the year, being about 143 offences to each prisoner as compared with over 25 in 1891. The comparative returns attached show the number of the most common of these offences.

4. Nine officers have been dismissed for misconduct during the year, but the conduct of the remainder of the Gaol Staff has been satisfactory.

5. The officers' quarters are devoid of necessary comforts. There is no mess room or recreation room, and under the existing circumstances, it is almost impossible for an officer employed on night duty to get proper rest during the day, he being constantly disturbed by those on day duty who are compelled to use the same room.

6. The necessity for introducing the separate system generally has been frequently urged, and I would most strongly recommend its adoption. At present from the time prisoners are locked up in the evening until they are unlocked in the morning and again during the officers' meal times, it is impossible for a limited staff to exercise proper control over the corridors as to prevent prisoners communicating with each other. It is unnecessary to mention the immeasurable amount of harm which this must do to both the health and the discipline of the Gaol.

7. Extra store-room and bath accommodation are required. The latter is so limited bathing cannot be conducted properly.

8. The insufficient yard accommodation has also been repeatedly pointed out. This regard as one of the most serious deficiencies in the Gaol and makes it a matter of the utmost difficulty to keep the various classes of prisoners separate when required. If these were increased many more prisoners could be employed at useful and remunerative labour.

9. The female prison is badly situated. The average number of females in prison during the year was 27, and owing to the inadequate accommodation, it frequently

happens that remand prisoners have to be placed in the same ward with convicted prisoners.

10. I forward herewith the usual return.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient Servant,

H. B. LITTONBRIDGE,
Superintendent.

The Honorable The Colonial Secretary.

piracies in answer to signals from the pirates, came alongside. Everything of value that could be carried off was transferred to the junks. The robbers were in possession of the steamer about two hours, and when they departed left her aground on one of the banks of Wangnau.

Bringing the pirates to justice has been a task of great difficulty, and the crew had to go to the out-of-the-way from their hiding places. The engineers who were a Chinaman, was the only one who had recovered from his flight sufficiently to know what to do. When the attack was first made, without waiting for orders he stopped the engine, blew off the steam and hid himself under the boilers, from which place he now came out and tried to rally the crew. They followed his directions in a mechanical way, having it seemed lost all power of action for themselves. After some time they succeeded in getting the vessel afloat and took her to Macao. The crew of the pirates had followed the steamer to Macao, and was at once struck by the array of firearms—rifles, revolvers, swords, &c., ready for use. In reply to his question, "What is the meaning of the?" he answered with a full account of the piratical attack made on the s.s. Spark on the 22nd of August 1874. Previous to that time the steamers had gone daily back and forth carrying thousands of passengers, without fear or thought of danger. This attack, with the suddenness of careful preparation, awoke to a sense of peril to which they had been exposed in the past and led to these precautions.

The first pirates to bring the news to Canton was the *Spark's* boatswain, who was sent to the city by the junk which had picked him up. Up to that time the *Spark* had been a fast, well-constructed vessel, but it was not bold enough to attack a river steamer in broad daylight and succeed, who then was safe? It was impossible to repair the mischief done, and bring back the lives sacrificed.

Two things only could be done: the one was to pursue, capture and punish the murderers, and the other to provide against such in the future by arming the steamers. Hence the display of arms on board the steamer, which inevitably strikes the stranger with surprise and makes him feel that he is in a hostile country.

The first man to bring the news to Canton was the *Spark's* boatswain, who was sent to the city by the junk which had picked him up. Up to that time the *Spark* had been a fast, well-constructed vessel, but it was not bold enough to attack a river steamer in broad daylight and succeed, who then was safe?

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To make our story clear, we must go back a few steps and consider a few things. Besides the *Spark's* reputation, and the proximity of the mainland of China, added to the reluctance of respectable people to lay information against criminals or to come forward as witnesses against them, render it very difficult for the Police to bring the guilty parties to justice. In many instances the offender has made good his escape before the Police have received information of the offence, and on many occasions a case has broken down through the reluctance of witnesses to come forward and give evidence.

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[No. 935.—FEBRUARY 8, 1893.]

Mails.

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
Oceanic.....THURSDAY, Feb. 9.
Gaelic.....TUESDAY, Feb. 28.
Belgic.....THURSDAY, March 30.

The Steamship *OCEANIC* will be
dispatched for San Francisco, and
Yokohama, TO-MORROW, the 9th
February, at 1 p.m., connection being
made at Yokohama with steamers from
Shanghai and Japan ports.

RATES OF PASSAGE,
From Hongkong, FIRST CLASS,
To San Francisco, Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimalt Nov.
Westminster, Port Town...\$225.00
and Seattle, Tacoma, Port
land, O.....\$225.00
To Liverpool and London.....\$326.00
To Paris and Bremen.....\$345.00
To Havre and Hamburg.....\$336.00
Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-
land, France, and Germany by all trans-
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RATES OF PASSAGE TO OVERLAND
CITIES, FIRST CLASS.

DESTINATION.	30 day Tickets.	Continuous Trips Ticket.
Kansas City, Mo., Omaha, Neb.	285.00	
St. Louis, Mo.	292.50	291.50
St. Paul, Minn., Minneapolis, Minn.	292.90	
Chicago, Ill.	297.50	295.00
Milwaukee, Wis.	294.50	293.60
Cincinnati, Ohio	302.30	301.50
Columbus, Ohio	304.25	304.20
Detroit, Mich.	304.85	302.75
Cleveland, Ohio	306.55	306.00
Toronto, Canada	309.95	307.45
Pittsburg, Penn.	310.25	307.00
Niagara Falls, N.Y. Buf- falo, N.Y.	311.00	308.50
Washington, D.C., Balti- more, Md.	311.90	311.75
Montreal, Canada	319.75	313.00
Philadelphia, Penn.	319.75	312.50
New York	319.75	315.00
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Through Tickets issued to Passengers
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are good for transportation across the
American Continent via the Union Pacific
Railway System only.

Return Tickets.—First Class.—Prepaid
return tickets to San Francisco will be
issued at following rates:—

4 months\$307.50

12 months\$393.75

Time is reckoned from date of issue to
date of re-embarkation at San Francisco.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-
embarking at San Francisco for China or
Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be
allowed a discount of 10%.

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and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to
address in full and same will be received
by the Company's Office until 2 p.m. the
at previous to sailing.

Comittee to accompany Cargo
destined to points beyond San Francisco,
in the United States, should be sent to the
Company's Offices, addressed to the Col-
lector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
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STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
ADEN, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID,
MALTA, GIBRALTAR, MARSHALL'S,
BRINDISI,

PLYMOUTH AND LONDON;
ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND AUSTRALIA.

N.E.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLE,
HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND
BOSTON.

SPECIAL ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
THAMES, Capt. W. A. SEATON, R.N.R.,
with Her Majesty's Mail, will be de-
patched from this PORT ON THURSDAY,
16th February, at Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m. Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office
until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing.

Bill and Valables for Europe will be
transhipped at Colombo; General Cargo
for London will be conveyed via Bombay
without transhipment, arriving one week
later than by the ordinary direct route via
Colombo. Tea will be sent either to Bon-
bay or Colombo according to arrangement.

For further Particulars regarding
FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the
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GATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contracts and Bills of Lading
are required to be executed prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to
note the terms and conditions of the Com-
pany's Bills of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their bag-
gage can do so on application at the Com-
pany's Office.

H. H. JOSEPH,
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F. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, February 4, 1893. 223

Mails.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
AND RAILROAD COMPANIES,
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1893.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Tacoma.....Tuesday, February 14.
Winslow.....Tuesday, March 14.
Victoria.....Tuesday, April 4.
Tacoma.....Tuesday, May 2.

THE Steamship *TACOMA*, Captain
J. Hill, sailing at Noon, on TUES-
DAY, the 14th February, will proceed to
VICTORIA, B.C., and *TACOMA*, KORE
and SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KORE and
YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan,
Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and
United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United
States Points would be in quadruplicate;
and one copy must be sent forward by the
steamer to the care of The General Agent,
Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office with
address marked in full by 5 p.m., on the
day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or
Freight, apply to

BODWELL, GARLILL & CO.,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 19, 1893. 116

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOWLING
AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG
City of Rio de Janeiro, SATURDAY, Feb. 18.
China, v. Honolulu, TUESDAY, Mar. 21.
Peru, v. San Francisco, SATURDAY, April 4.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *CITY OF
RIO DE JANEIRO* will be despatched
for SAN FRANCISCO, via YOKO-
HAMA, on SATURDAY, the 18th
February, at 1 p.m., taking Passengers
and Freight for Japan, the United States,
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Dr. ESENJEK'S
WONDERFUL RING.

THE Private Hotel heretofore carried on
in WINDSOR HOUSE has now been
removed to CONNAUGHT HOUSE.

Quieter under European management,
Each Bed-room has its own Bath-room
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with all floors.

Charges from \$3 per day upwards.

Special Rates for Families or Permanent
Boarders. Offices and Rooms to let Un-
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ALDBECK, MACGREGOR &
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Wine and Spirit Merchants,
13, QUEEN'S ROAD;

No V. P. P. System—Please send cash
with order. [1089]

Intimations.

Dr. ESENJEK'S
WONDERFUL RING.

GOD morning, Gentlemen! Do you
wish to prevent premature death from
diseases, than ask once for Esenjek's
WONDERFUL RING! It cures Coughs, Colds,
Asthma, Bronchitis, Pleur, Liver Complaints
within a short period, and rapidly cures
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